

**Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command**  
**Customer Advisory**  
**March 22, 2016**  
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**Subject:** New Guidance for Shipping Lithium Batteries by Air

**Purpose:** To inform the DOD shipping community that new guidance has been issued for the shipment of Lithium Batteries, UN3480 and UN3090 by air, and is effective 1 April 2016.

**Be Advised:** The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has issued changes to the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air affecting the shipment of Lithium Ion Cells, UN3480 and Lithium Metal Batteries UN3090.

These changes have been adopted by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Guidance: ICAO guidance can be found at:

<http://www.icao.int/safety/DangerousGoods/Pages/default.aspx>

IATA Lithium Battery Guidance Document (revised 9 March 2016) can be found at:

<http://www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/dgr/Documents/lithium-battery-guidance-document-2016-en.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact your respective Service HAZMAT focal point as outlined in the Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR) Part II Cargo Movement, Chapter 204 Hazardous Material.

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